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SUBJECT: US/UK MEETING WITH KAUNDA AND KHAMA

I MET THIS EVENING WITH ROWLANDS (ACCOMPANIED BY DUFF),
KHAMA (ACCOMPANIED BY FOMIN MOGWE) AND KAUNDA (ACCOMPANIED BY CHONA).
ON BASIS STATE 240096 AND 240578 I OPEND WITH FORCEFUL STATEMENT
OUR RESERVATIONS ABOUT LUSAKA MEETING AND DECLARATION OF FIVE
PRESIDENTS. NEITHER PRESIDNE REPLIED FORCEFULLY. KAUNDA CONTENTED
HIMSELF WITH STATEMENT THAT PRESIDENT'S DECLARATION WAS WITHIN
FRAMEWORK OF PROPOSALS WE HAD DISCUSSED. KHAMA EMPHASIZED
INHIBITIONS IMPOSED BY DIFFICULTY OF BRINGING ALONG ALL
FACTIONS AMONG NATIONALISTS.

I CLOSED THIS PART OF CONVERSATION BY STRESSING THAT MAJOR
CONSIDERATION NOW IS TO MOVE RAPIDLY TO CONFERENCE TABLE
AND NOT PROVIDE ANY EXCUSE FOR SMITH TO GET OFF THE HOOK.
ROWLANDS THEN EXPLAINED THAT UK IS SYMPATHETIC TO AFRICAN PRESIDENTS
CALL FOR CONFERENCE CHAIRED BY UK. HOWEVER HE WISHED TO KNOW WHETHER
NATIONALIST TEAM COULD BE PRODUCED WHICH WOULD BE ABLE TO PARTICIPATE

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KAUNDA ANSWERED UNEUQIVOCABLY THAT, SINCE BRITISH ROLE
SATISFIED UNEASINESS OF MANY NATIONALIST, AFRICAN TEAM WOULD BE
ABLE TO MEET WITH EUROPEANS UNDER BRITISH CHAIRMAN.

ROWLANDS THEN ASKED IF IT UNDERSTOOD THAT CONFERENCE WOULD DEAL

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ONLY WITH ESTABLISHMENT OF INTERIM GOVERNMENT. UK WOULD BE PREPARED

TO CALL CONSTITUTIONAL CONFERENCE LATER TO FINISH CONSTITUTIONAL PROCESS IF INTERIM GOVERNMENT WISHED TO DO SO. BOTH PRESIDENT AGREED BUT SAID THIS COULD BE MANDATORY UNDER THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF BRITISH CONSTITUTIONAL PROCEDURES, ROWLANDS DID NOT DEMUR.

FINALLY ROWLAND BROUGHT UP WHETHER THERE WAS ACCEPTANCE OF THE CONCEPT OF COUNCIL OF STATE AND COUNCIL OF MINISTERS EVEN THOUGH DETAILS WOULD HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN MEETINGS BETWEEN EUROPEANS AND AFRICANS. AFTER DISCUSSION OF UK ROLE BOTH AGREED THAT THIS WAS ACCEPTABLE. ONE FACTOR, INTERESTINGLY, ENOUGH, WHICH WAS REASSURING TO THEM WAS FACT THAT QUEEN WOULD APPOINT COUNCIL OF STATE WHICH THEY CLAIMED TO HAVE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD. DURING THIS PART OF DISCUSSION KAUNDA STATED HIS PERSONAL PREFERENCE FOR BRITISH CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL OF STATE.

ROWLANDS HAD TENDENCY TO GO INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL THUS RAISING POSSIBILITY OF OBJECTIONS WHICH DUFF AND I CONTINUALLY HEADED OFF. I FINALLY CONCLUDED ONE DISCUSSION ON DETAILS BY POINTING OUT THAT INTERIM GOVERNMENT, AND EVEN SITTING DOWN AT TABLE TO A CERTAIN EXTENT, CREATED A PROCESS FROM WHICH THERE WAS NO TURNING BACK WHICH RECEIVED EMPHATIC ENDORSEMENT OF DUFF AND KAUNDA. ROWLANDS, WHO PLANS VISIT DAR ES SALAAM, CONCLUDED BY ASKING IF HE SHOULD SEE MACHEL. BOTH KAUNDA AND KHAMA AGREED HE SHOULD AND MENTIONED THE DESIRABILITY OF MENTIONING "CHISSANO" FORMULA WHICH, YOU

RECALL, WAS ONE OF NYERERE'S POINTS.

I CONCLUDED MEETING BY REITERATING NEED FOR SPEEDY, PROGRESS AND EMPHATICIZED THAT EVERYONE SHOULD RETRAIN FROM MAKING PUBLIC STATEMENTS

WHICH CAN CREATE UNCONSTRUCTIVE PSYCHOLOGICAL ATMOSPHERE, PARTICULARLY WITH REGARD TO DETAILS. THERE WAS GENERAL AGREEMENT ON THIS POINT.

COMMENT: I THOUGHT MEETING WAS USEFUL BUT WILL PLAN TO SEE KAUNDA, ESPECIALLY, ON SEPARATE OCCASION WHEN I CAN ALSO RAISE NAMIBIA. DESPITE ROWLANDS' TENDENCY TO GO INTO TOO MUCH DETAIL AND TO ATTEMPT TO PIN DOWN KAUNDA AND KHAMA TOO MUCH, I FOUND THE BRITISH PUSHING HARDER THEN THEY HAVE IN THE PAST. CERTAINLY THEY GAVE
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KAUNDA AND KHAMA EVERY REASON TO BELIEVE THAT UK IS PREPARED TO GO AHEAD ON CHAIRING CONFERENCE.
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